

thought of, not by myself, but I think there is several people in this body that would like to take this bill up today and show these people that have had faith in us that we're going to go ahead and pass the bill as we've told them that we're going to do. I would hope that this body would adopt the motion to take the bill up today and pass it in the final form that we have right now so that we can start taking care of this horrendous crime, if you may, that's going around the state. This is the way we can show the people in this state that we're sincere in our efforts on an issue that has been studied for so long and all of a sudden at the strike of twelve at midnight, we stop the A bills and hold back these bills. It's the only reason I feel I have to attempt to do this. I can't let it go without making an attempt to try to read it. So I would hope you would adopt my motion.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: The motion actually was signed by me, but the Clerk misspoke and I can understand the problem in telling the difference between Senator Barnett and I. I'm the one with the mustache, Pat. I think Senator Barnett, though probably expressed better than I why we should take this bill up notwithstanding the motion we passed on A bills. I think it's a priority concern. I think it's something that has been worked on a long time. I think Senator Barnett expressed very well why we should act on it and I really can't add to anything that he said.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, it would seem to me that we're only going to create five or six jobs with this bill and that's the end of it. I don't know how it becomes so very important. I've been interested in spouse abuse and what we should do about it but after the debate that we had a few minutes ago it would seem that we're not going to accomplish anything. I don't know what the urgency is to hire five people or so, so I would be against bringing this bill before the others because I don't think it does anything. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would echo the comments brought forth by Senator Kahle and I don't know as much about this subject as does Senator Barnett and some other people and I do appreciate the work they put into it but I'm not sure that that this is going to solve all of the problems that we are setting out to solve and I do not believe that this bill is more important than a lot of other bills that are coming up and a lot of other appropriations and I think the motion set up by Senator Warner should hold through for this bill as well. As Senator Warner said earlier it will hold true for one of his own bills and I would just like to say to Senator Barnett that it's closer to 10 o'clock than midnight and I still think we have a couple hours to get to this one.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I would oppose the amendment, or the motion by Senator Barnett. I think I probably made a mistake this morning in offering the amendment without consulting with Senator Warner.